

4. (Amended) Roof-rack bar of claim 1 characterized in that in the locked position said first and second locking and/or reinforcement means constitute a gear system comprising at least one tooth.

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5. (Amended) Roof-rack bar of claim 1 characterized in that said first and second locking and/or reinforcement means comprise at least one rack.

7. (Amended) Roof-rack bar of claim 5 characterized in that said transverse bar comprises a mobile component capable of sliding along said transverse bar and of operating in conjunction with said rack such that it draws it between the locked and unlocked position and vice versa.

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9. (Amended) Roof-rack bar of claim 1 characterized in that it comprises at least one means for actuating the locking/unlocking of said transverse bar that projects into a recess of said transverse bar or one of said feet.

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11. (Amended) Roof-rack bar of claim 1 characterized in that it comprises at least one actuating means that act simultaneously on:

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- locking/unlocking said transverse bar in said housing;
- immobilization means fitted on at least one of said fastening feet such that they authorize or prevent said feet from being displaced along said guidance side rails.

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16. (Amended) Roof-rack for automobile vehicles consisting of at least two roof-rack bars, characterized in that at least one of them is a roof-rack bar of claim 1.

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18. (Amended) Roof-rack of claim 16 characterized in that said roof-rack bars can be grouped together to constitute an aerofoil.

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19. (New) Roof-rack bar of claim 2 characterized in that said first locking and/or reinforcement means comprise at least one male (respectively female) component capable of operating in conjunction with, and of complementing, at least one female (respectively male) component fitted on the transverse bar.

20. (New) Roof-rack bar of claim 6 characterized in that said transverse bar comprises a mobile component capable of sliding along said transverse bar and of operating in conjunction with said rack such that it draws it between the locked and unlocked position and vice versa.

21. (New) Roof-rack of claim 17 characterized in that said roof-rack bars can be grouped together to constitute an aerofoil.